



TOWN OF ACTON, MASSACHUSETTS

MUNICIPAL MONTHLY

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TOWN MANAGER’S UPDATE

On February 23rd, the Board of Health voted to rescind the mask mandate in indoor public spaces within the Town of Acton. The Board, however, strongly advises the community to follow MA Department of Public Health guidelines. As a reminder, face coverings are still required on public and private transportation and healthcare facilities, and businesses still may reserve the right to require masks in their facilities. For more information, please visit actonma.gov/health or contact the Health Department at (978) 929-6632.

The Annual Town Election will be held on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at the RJ Grey Junior High School Gymnasium located at 16 Charter Road. The last day to register to vote for the election is Wednesday, March 9th. Additional information on the election can be found on Page 4, or by visiting actonma.gov/election.

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Monday, May 16, 2022 at the Acton-Boxborough Regional High School Auditorium. The warrant is currently open and will close March 23rd. Residents seeking to submit a citizen’s petition must do so by the warrant closing date. For more information on Town Meeting and the warrant process, please visit actonma.gov/townmeeting.



The North Acton Fire Station, now formally known as “Station 4” is complete and fully in operation. Thanks to the leadership of Fire Chief Robert Hart, Public Facilities Superintendent Andrea Ristine, members of the Building Committee, Project Manager PMA Consultants, and General Contractor Hutter Construction for their hard work and coordination of this project. This state-of-the-art fire station will serve as a model for public facility projects, and we have already received inquiries from other communities on our efforts related to “net-zero” and sustainability components included in this public safety project.

Sincerely,
John S. Mangiaratti
Town Manager

TOWN SERVICES HOTLINE

DIAL

978-929-6600

TOWN SERVICES HOTLINE HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday: 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM

TOWN HALL & HUMAN SERVICES HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 7:30 PM
Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Thursday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Saturday - Sunday: Closed

ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY HOURS OF OPERATION

Mondays & Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Thursday: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Friday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday: 2:00 - 5:00 PM

Have photos taken in Acton? Submit them to photos@actonma.gov and we'll feature them in future publications.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Please join us in congratulating Detective Christopher Prehl on his retirement after over 33 years of service with the Department.



CHRISTOPHER PREHL

Det. Prehl began working at APD in 1988 where he served the community as a patrol officer. In 1995 Det. Prehl transitioned to the Special Services Division where he connected with our youth population as a DARE officer until the year 2000. He then found a home in the Traffic Unit where he spent his last 22 years as a Detective and Safety Officer. Det. Prehl has managed the Department's cruiser fleet for over 28 years. He meticulously maintained the fleet and was responsible for managing all of the equipment including personal protective equipment, radios, radar, and AED units. Det. Prehl has played an integral role in assisting the Town in many projects over the years related to traffic safety.

PUBLIC WORKS

Please join us in congratulating Mike Pacitto on his retirement from the Public Works Department.

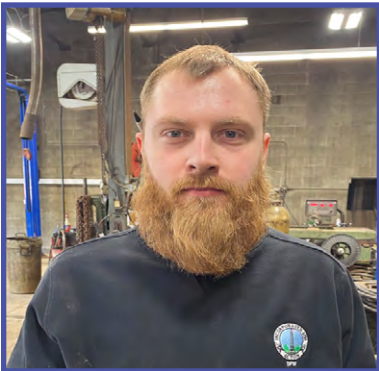


MICHAEL PACITTO

Mike has been the Head Mechanic for the DPW Garage since 2017 and has been a great asset to the DPW crew. Mike had a long career of working on vehicles, and heavy construction equipment in the area and is well known to many of our equipment vendors. He will be greatly missed.

PUBLIC WORKS

Please join us in welcoming Andrew Spiller as the new Equipment Maintenance Person in the Public Works Garage.



ANDREW SPILLER

Andrew is joining the Equipment Maintenance team after several years of experience working on cars and trucks.

PUBLIC WORKS

Please join us in welcoming YuTao (Tom) Wang as the new Civil Engineer I in the Public Works Engineering Division.



YUTAO (TOM) WANG

Yutao grew up in Ellington, CT. He received his associate degree in Engineering Science from Manchester Community College. YuTao worked as Low Voltage Technician at Electronic Security and Control Systems prior to joining the Town. He also worked as Youth Center Assistant at the Enfield Youth Center where he worked with at risk youths.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



PATRICK RYAN

BUILDING DIVISION

Please join us in welcoming Patrick Ryan as the new local inspector for the Building Division.

Patrick has extensive experience in the construction industry and previously served as a local inspector for 4 years in the Town of Sudbury.



Sachem Way	Nagog Woods (postal kiosk)	Avalon Drive (sales office)	Great Road Condos (front entrance mailboxes)	Gould's Plaza (Donelan's entrance)	Trader Joe's (Entrance)	Town Hall/Library	Acton Plaza 1&2 (Roche Brothers entrance)	S. Acton MBTA Station	Kmart Parking Lot/ Kmart Entrance (0.3 miles to A/B schools)	Town Hall/Library
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CrossTown Connect Dispatch
(978) 844-6809
Monday thru Friday
8:30am—4:00pm

**Cross-Acton Transit (CAT) is a FREE fixed-route service in the
Town of Acton**

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN PHASE II: MAPPING OUR NET ZERO EMISSIONS FUTURE



Clean transportation, green energy, and healthy communities! Want to learn more about how we plan to achieve this? Join us virtually on your lunch break.

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2
TIME: 12:00-1:15PM

REGISTER HERE:

<https://bit.ly/CAPPhase2>



Questions? Email the Sustainability Office at sustainability@actonma.gov or call 978-929-6515

如果您想翻译有关气候行动计划的这些信息，请通过电话或电子邮件与我们联系：
sustainability@actonma.gov 或 978-929-6515

Entre em contato conosco por telefone ou e-mail se desejar que esta informação sobre o Plano de Ação Climática de Acton seja traduzida: ustainability@actonma.gov ou 978-929-6515

Comuníquese con nosotros por teléfono o correo electrónico si desea que esta información sobre el Plan de Acción Climática de Acton sea traducida: ustainability@actonma.gov o 978-929-6515

TIPS TO AVOID USING SALT AS A DE-ICER

More salt does not equal more melting snow. Follow product instructions when spreading deicing material and give it time to work. Salt can be harmful to pets and our waterways. Sweep up any material remaining after the snow/ice melts.

When temperatures hit 15° F or below, salt is not effective. Consider using traction materials such as cracked cornmeal, sand or kitty litter. If you're using traction materials that contain an acetate, potassium chloride, magnesium chloride, please read the product instructions to understand the pros/cons of these alternative traction measures.

SNOW & ICE MAILBOX REPLACEMENT POLICY

Mailboxes installed in the Town right of way are placed at the owner's risk. Each mailbox installation should be sufficiently solid to withstand snow-clearing efforts by the Town. It is the responsibility of the owner of the mailbox to clear the snow around the mailbox to assure mail delivery by the U.S. Postal Department. If the snow banks are too high to shovel, place a temporary box beside the road until the snow has melted enough to allow access to the mailbox.

The mailbox should be installed, periodically inspected and maintained by the homeowner in accordance with the guidelines provided by the United States Post Office (www.USPS.com). When installing a mailbox choose a suitable location. If you are unsure, check with the postal carrier. **The Town does not replace mailboxes if damaged by snow being discharged by the snowplow. The Town only assumes responsibility if a Town plow comes into contact with the mailbox or post.**

The Town does not replace plastic mailboxes. Plastic mailboxes in cold weather become very brittle and are not well-suited to withstand this type of environment. The Town also does not replace mailboxes that are in need of repair due to lack of maintenance, vandalism or have a spike-type support. Homeowners should check the condition of their mailbox and post before the ground freezes and make any necessary repairs. **The Town will not be responsible for damage to any mailbox or post if the front of the box extends past the curb line and/or is within 6-inches from the curb line.**

The Town will only replace mailboxes if the Town's plow came in contact with a well-maintained mailbox or post. The Highway Division will inspect the reported damage to determine the cause of the damage to the mailbox and/or the post. If it is determined that the damage is a result of the Town plow hitting the mailbox or post, the Town staff will attempt to make the necessary repairs. If the mailbox or post is deemed non-repairable, the homeowner may choose from one of the two options listed below:

- the Town will replace the damaged mailbox and/or post with a standard-style metal mailbox and/or wood post,
- the homeowner may opt to furnish and install their own mailbox and post and the Town will reimburse them up to \$100 towards the replacement.

Mailboxes to be fixed will be put on a list and repaired when the Highway Division is back on a regular schedule and all other weather-related priorities are completed.

A claim should be submitted to the Highway Division immediately following the storm so that they can witness the damage and make their determination. Late claims are difficult to verify and may be denied as they may not be able to adequately determine the cause of the damage.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Acton Boxborough United Way (ABUW) Assist Grants

If you are a resident and need emergency help to pay rent and other essential bills, we can help. Emergency grants up to \$1,000 are available to eligible residents.

Rental Assistance Programs

The Housing Consumer and Education Center (HCEC) through South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC) in Framingham is the agency that administers state and federally funded homelessness prevention grants including:

- Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency grant (FEMA)
- Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)

Eligibility Requirements

- Households of any size or composition at risk of being displaced or forced to leave their home due to an unforeseen housing emergency or a COVID-19 related employment loss.
- The household income must be below 80% of the area median income (AMI)
- Restrictions apply on rental assistance for families residing in subsidized housing or who have a rental voucher
- For most of this funding, citizenship or immigration status is not an issue.
- Financial assistance is limited based on funding, eligibility, and service area. To apply for any of the above programs please visit: <https://www.smoc.org/housing-consumer-education-center.php>

Fuel Assistance Programs

Low Income Heat Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a government-sponsored program that is administered through SMOC in Framingham.

- Households must have income at or below 60% of the state median income
- Benefit covers heating costs such as oil, propane, electric, and natural gas for both renters and homeowners for the winter heating season

Good Neighbor Energy Fund - The Good Neighbor Energy Fund is sponsored through the Salvation Army.

- Assists households with incomes within 60-80% of the state median income
- Applicants must not be eligible for other fuel assistance programs
- Benefit covers oil, propane, electric, and natural gas and provides a one-time grant of \$500 for both renters and homeowners

For more information or to apply for any of these programs please contact the Community Services Office at 978-929-6651 or lducharme@actonma.gov.

LOCAL & GOVERNMENT RESOURCE SUPPORTS

Area of Need	Contact:
Food Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acton Food Pantry, actonfoodpantry.org, (978) 635-9295, open every week: 10:00AM–7:00PM Wednesdays, and 9:30AM – 11:30AM Thursdays Mt. Calvary Community Supper, www.mtcalvaryacton.org, (508) 263-5156, Dinner served on Wednesdays from 4:45-5:45 Open Table, www.opentable.org, Stow Food Pantry: www.stowfoodpantry.com, E-mail: stowfoodp@gmail.com, Distribution of food by appointment to families in need. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): www.Mass.gov/SNAP Women Infants and Children (WIC): www.Mass.gov/WIC
Health Insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MA Health Connector: https://mahealthconnector.optum.com/individual/
MA Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA): https://dtaconnect.eohhs.mass.gov/ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC), Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled and Children (EAEDC) Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) Mobile App: https://www.mass.gov/how-to/download-the-dta-connect-mobile-app -you can download the app and apply from your phone.
Housing Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MA State Aide Housing: https://publichousingapplication.ocd.state.ma.us/ MA Centralized Waitlist: http://www.section8listmass.org/How_to_Apply.php Acton Housing Authority: www.actonhousing.net, E-mail office@actonhousing.net Rent Assistance: https://www.smoc.org/housing-consumer-education-center.php
Medical Attention or Answers to Health Questions	<p>IF THERE IS A MEDICAL EMERGENCY, CALL 911 OR GO TO AN EMERGENCY ROOM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call your primary care physician. Go to the Emergency Room: Emerson Hospital, 133 Old Rd. to Nine Acre Corner, Concord
Coronavirus Questions or Concerns & Other Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acton: https://www.actonma.gov/704/COVID-19/ (978) 929-6632 MA Department of Public Health, Epidemiology: (617) 983-6800 Statewide 2-1-1 Helpline: Dial 2-1-1 from a phone or visit www.mass211.org for info on COVID-19 prevention, testing, and referrals. Acton Boxborough United Way: abuww.org, Emergency Grants for Acton residents and families in crisis (rent, food, mortgage...) and critical local service providers. Danny's Place Youth Services: E-mail info@dannys-place.org Domestic Violence Services Network (DVSN): E-mail dvvap@concordma.gov, for anyone who needs help with a controlling partner or family member. First Connections: E-mail lmattthews@iri.org, Offering virtual support groups for new parents, postpartum depression and anxiety. Weekly Facebook Circle Times. Metrowest Legal Services: E-mail intake@mwlegal.org Free legal and eviction diversion services for residents Minuteman Senior Services: Visit www.minutemansenior.org or call (888) 222-6171 Minuteman Arc for Human Services: www.minutemanarc.com, Most programs running with telemedicine capability. Neighborhood Brigade: actonboxboroughma@neighborbridge.org, Coordinates the needs of families in crisis with volunteers who want to help. Town of Acton Dept. of Veterans Services: E-mail James MacRae at vso@actonma.gov Town of Acton Council on Aging: E-mail seniorcenter@actonma.gov Town of Acton Community Services Coordinator: E-mail Laura Ducharme at Lducharme@actonma.gov or call (978) 929-6651, Information on a variety of resources such as food, fuel, financial etc.
Mental Health Support	<p>IF THERE IS A MENTAL HEALTH EMERGENCY, CALL 911 OR GO TO AN EMERGENCY ROOM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255 Call2Talk: 1-508-532-2255 or Text "C2T" to 741741 or Samaritans: 800-252-TEEN (8336) SAMHSA's Disaster Distress Helpline, 1-800-985-5990 This is a 24/7 multilingual free hotline for immediate crisis counseling for people experiencing emotional distress re: the pandemic. NAMI (North Alliance on Mental Health Illness), 781-982-3318: www.namimass.org, www.namicentralmiddlesex.org Eliot Community Human Services, E-mail dgarfield@eliotchs.org, Provides outpatient mental health and substance abuse services for all ages.

Medical Cannabis—What Is It Good For?

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

2:00 P.M.

FREE—via Zoom

Preregistration Required

https://actonma.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_lgv4NbfNSPu14elaVMRhlw

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Medical marijuana can be a controversial topic. Join Dr. Jordan Tishler for this informative program as he shares the medical evidence that demonstrates the health benefits associated with the use of medicinal Cannabis across a wide range of ages, races, genders, and health conditions. Medical marijuana has helped people with pain, anxiety, mood disorders, as well as chronic conditions such as Crohn's disease, Multiple Sclerosis and Parkinson's Disease.

Dr. Tishler is a Cannabinoid Specialist. Through his training in Internal Medicine and years of practice as an Emergency Physician, Dr. Tishler brings his knowledge, reason, and caring to patients here at *inhaleMD*, and through his advocacy work at the local and national levels.

Dr. Tishler graduated from both Harvard College and Harvard Medical School, trained at the Brigham and Women's Hospital, and is faculty at both the Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School. He has spent many years working with the underserved, particularly [providing care for Veterans](#).

For more information please consult Dr. Tishler's website: inhalemd.com

For additional information, please contact Sheryl Ball, Acton Health Director via email sball@actonma.gov or call 978-929-6453

Funding for CHNA15 is provided from Lahey Hospital and Medical Center and Winchester Hospital through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Determination of need (DoN) process.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

AML has several great (and free!) events coming up in March! Learn more and register at

[ActonMemorialLibrary.org/Calendar](https://actonmemoriallibrary.org/Calendar)

CHILDREN

Questions? Email Acton Memorial Library's Children's Department at ACTChildrens@minlib.net

ZOOM Baby and Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays, 9:30 -10:00 AM

Stories, songs, rhymes, and movement for infants and toddlers!
Registration Required.

Read to a Dog

Tuesdays, 4:00—5:00 PM, Library

Young readers can make a 15-minute appointment to read aloud to Zora, a charming, very clever Golden Retriever. To register for a 15 minute appointment with Zora, visit the children's desk or call 978-929-6658.

ZOOM Singalong Storytime

Wednesdays, 10:30—11:00 AM

Join Mr. Robert and his guitar on Zoom for Music & Movement & Stories. Registration Required.

ZOOM Early Release Program

Wednesdays, 2:00-4:00 PM

Each Wednesday will be a different program, including: STEM + STEAM workshops, book clubs, chess clubs, crafting/maker workshops for older kids, Minecraft, Pokemon Trading Card Game, drawing, creative writing, and RPGs. Registration required.

ZOOM Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, 10:00—10:45 AM

Interactive Storytime with Miss Elise geared toward preschoolers ages 3 and up. All are welcome. Register required.

ZOOM Children's Crafting – Take & Make

Thursdays, 4:00-4:30 PM

Parent/guardian supplies crayons or colored pencils, glue sticks or tape. All other materials provided. Must be picked up at Library. Registration required.

ZOOM Hero Kids Role-Playing Game

Saturday, March 12, 10:00—11:30 AM

Hero Kids is a role-playing game like Dungeons & Dragons, toned down for children ages 6+. Registration required.

TWEENS & TEENS

ZOOM Dungeons & Dragons

Saturdays (alt. weeks age specific), 10:00 AM – Noon

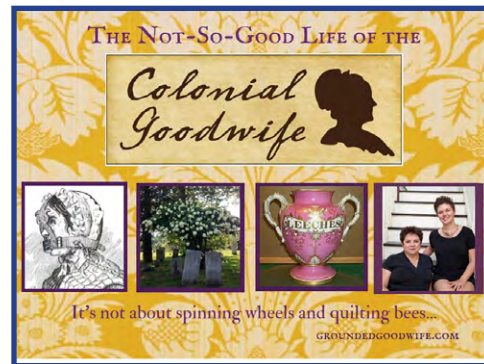
D&Ds for Teens takes place on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month.
D&D for 5th & 6th grade takes place on the 4th Saturday of every month.
Registration required. Contact: Robert Carter rcarter@minlib.net

ZOOM BEGINNING BREAD BAKING!

Tuesday, March 22, 4:00-5:00 PM

Beginning Bread Baking Demonstration- FREE STARTER KIT!

Bake for Good with King Arthur Bread. Beginning Bread Baking DEMONSTRATION-Comes with a free starter kit you can pick up at the library compliments of King Arthur Flour. This is class is a demonstration only, you will not be baking along with the instructor. Registration is required.



ADULTS

Questions? Email Acton Memorial Library's Adult Services Department at ACTadultservices@minlib.net

ZOOM Masterpieces of Classic Cinema on KANOPY

Wednesday, March 9, 7:00—8:00 PM

KANOPY is a free video streaming resource available to Acton residents from Acton Memorial Library and to residents of other subscribing communities. The Kanopy catalog includes documentaries, indie films, classic films, educational videos and kids' content. Registration required.

ZOOM AML Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, March 15, 7:30—8:45 PM

This month, the Acton Memorial Library Book Group will discuss the book Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell. All are invited to join in discussion. Registration is required.

ZOOM The Not-So-Good Life of the Colonial Goodwife

Wednesday, March 16, 7:00—8:00 PM

Discover what life was really like for New England's colonial women. The Not-So-Good Life of The Colonial Goodwife makes audiences laugh and grimace, and also honors our foremothers. This is a virtual presentation about the little-known issues faced by New England's colonial women. Perhaps women need to be reminded how far we've come to see how far we still can go! This program recommended for ages 16+. Registration is required.

STAY CONNECTED & MORE WITH AML

DID YOU MISS DID YOU MISS OUR PROGRAM Black Revolution on Campus:

History, Allyship and Implications? No problem! Catch the recording on our YouTube channel. Click [here](#) to view recording.

Tax Filing Information:

actonmemoriallibrary.org/taxes

Stay up-to-date with announcements and library info by following on Facebook ([@ActonMemLibrary](#)) and Instagram ([@ActonLibrary](#)) and Twitter ([@ActonMemLibrary](#)), or by visiting actonmemoriallibrary.org

Email Newsletter: Sign-up to get the latest news! - <https://www.actonmemoriallibrary.org/about-the-library/newsletter/>

AML E-Resources: Check out our wide array of e-resources, available anytime remotely - <https://www.actonmemoriallibrary.org/resources-research/e-resources/>

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging at the Senior Center offers in-person and virtual activities and is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8 AM to 5 PM, Tuesday 8 AM to 7:30 PM, and Friday 8 AM to 12 noon. Visit our website actoncoa.com for the latest information, to view our newsletter, or to sign up for notifications. Don't forget to follow us on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/ActonCOA>). The COA is following local guidelines concerning COVID-19 precautions.

March program highlights (see our newsletter for details)

- Students from ABRHS will discuss the Resource Force Club's focus on reducing the Acton community's fossil fuel use by advocating for affordable 100% renewable energy for all residents, Tuesday, March 8 at 6 PM
- **Using Creativity to Improve Your Quality of Life** with Henry Quinlan, Thurs, March 10 at 1 PM via Zoom
- **A Brief History of the Supreme Court with Paolo Di Gregorio**, Tues, March 15 1 PM via Zoom
- **Initiating the Caregiving Conversation** with Julie Norstrand, Tues, March 15 at 5:30 PM via Zoom
- **Senior Property Tax Primer** with staff from Acton's Assessor's Office, Tues, March 22, 1:00 PM
- **Let's Draw Animals Cartooning Class** with Rick Stromoski, Wed, March 23 at 2:00 PM via Zoo
- **Winesburg, Ohio** short stories seminar with Stephen Collins begins Thurs, March 24 at 11 AM and meets for eight weeks
- **Music of Stephen Foster** multimedia presentation with John Clark, Thurs, March 24, at 1 PM
- **Community Building Circle**, Tuesday, March 29, at 6 PM
- **Listening to Four Centuries of Music** with pianist/lecturer Sivan Etedgee, Thursday, March 31 at 12:30 PM

Other activities include 12 in-person fitness classes a week, movies, Ask the Lawyer telephone appointments, new session of Words Galore class, line dancing, gym with senior-friendly equipment, and various groups including the Talk and Tea group that meets via Zoom. The caregiver support group that meets Tuesdays at 2 PM via Zoom is for anyone caring for an older adult. It is facilitated by Julie Norstrand, PhD, MSW.

Meals: The Minuteman Senior Service dining site offers in-person lunches Monday through Thursday at noon. Grab and Go lunches continue to be offered Monday through Friday. Sign up at least 24 hours in person or by phone (781) 221-7098. Benchmark at Robbins Brook is providing lunch on March 15 (eat in at noon; grab & go at 12:30 PM) and the COA will serve a beef stew dinner on Tuesday, March 29 (eat in at 5 PM; grab & go at 5:30 PM). Sign up for these two meals with the COA.



For seniors and their family members seeking information on area social services, please contact COA Senior Services Coordinator Beverly Hutchings at 978-929-6652. She provides information on home care agencies, elder day programs, housing options, food and fuel assistance, and a variety of other services. If you're turning 65 in the near future, call Bev to book an appointment with a SHINE counselor to go over your Medicare plan options.

To be added or removed from the paper newsletter mailing list, please contact us at 978-929-6652 or e-mail seniorcenter@actonma.gov.

RECREATION DIVISION

Acton Recreation provides a variety of programs for everyone. We have finalized many new programs for the Spring and Summer as well as announce our summer events. NARA Summer Camp and Camp Hill Top is now accepting registrations. Some weeks have already filled up. Don't delay and register today to secure your child's summer plans.

Registration for programs and calendar of events can be found by visiting actonrec.com.

We are busy reserving field and facility rentals for 2022. Please submit your application soon to secure your preferred date. Click [here](#) to access forms, fees and details.

Stay active, make new friends, connect with the community and welcome spring!

Featured Programs

2022 April School Vacation Program

Come play with us at the Recreation Center! Our program includes arts and crafts, active games, team building, music, theater, outdoor adventure and more. Location: Acton Recreation Center, 50 Audubon Drive, South Acton. Programs dates: Friday, April 15 and Tuesday through Friday, April 19-22, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM; Ages 5-12 Fee: \$50.00 per child/day; Optional After-Care: 4:00-5:30 PM, Fee: \$20 per child/day. No program on Patriots Day, Mon. April 18.



NEW! 2022 Camp Hill Top - Ages 4-7 and CIT Ages 14-15

We're excited to make our new Camp Hill Top available to children ages 4-7, with CIT option for ages 14-15. Located at the Recreation Center, 50 Audubon Drive in South Acton, Camp Hill Top offers a wide range of fun, age-appropriate activities including arts & crafts, drama, sports, group challenges, nature, and special activities based on the weekly theme (Camp Hill Top operates separately from NARA Camp and with different themes). On Thursday afternoons campers are bussed to NARA Beach for swimming. Other days there is water play at Camp Hill Top home base. All health and safety protocols are followed. Register now at actonrec.com.

June 27-July 1: Building and Engineering Week

July 11-15: Superheroes Week

July 25-29: Community Helpers Week

Aug. 8-12: Travel around the World Week

Aug. 22-26: Creepy Crawlers Week

July 5-July 8: Mad Scientists Week

July 18-22: Olympics Week

Aug. 1-5: Exploration Space Week

Aug. 15-19: Camp Hill Top's Got Talent Week

2022 NARA Summer Camp - Ages 4-15

NARA Summer Camp creates an environment that encourages children to grow both physically and socially. Our dedicated staff works with peer groups to engage children in healthy outdoor activity along with enrichment opportunities that are challenging and fun. Additional special activities and field trips are based on the weekly theme. All health and safety protocols are followed. Register now at actonrec.com.

June 27-July 1: Disney Week

July 11-15: Pirate Week

July 25-29: Olympics Week

Aug. 8-12: NARA Ninja Warrior Week

Aug. 22-26: NARA's Got Talent Week

July 5-July 8: Mystery Week

July 18-22: Superhero Week

Aug. 1-5: Carnival Week

Aug. 15-19: Star Wars Week



TOWN OF ACTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT

PROUDLY PRESENTS

SPRING/SUMMER PROGRAMS, SPECIAL EVENTS & MORE!

AGES 0-12

Swim Lessons at NARA
Camp Hilltop
NARA Summer Camp
Amazing Athletes
Tennis
Super Soccer Stars
TinyTykes Soccer
Floorball 4 All
Jump2Bfit!
Spring Break Program
Baseball Tots
Beginners Golf
Hoopster Tots
Co-ed Basketball
Squash (NEW!)
Vanta Esports!
Think 4 Fun Programs
Code Wiz Coding Classes!
Wildlife Explorers
Dress-Up Tea Party!

13 TO 18

Red Cross CPR, AED, First Aid
Floorball 4 All
NARA Summer Camp
Tennis
Floorball 4 All
Jump2Bfit!
Code Wiz Coding Classes!
Vanta Esports!
Think 4 Fun Programs
Co-ed Basketball
Swim Lessons at NARA

ALL GOOD THINGS RECREATION!
ACTONREC.COM

Easy On-line Registration

No added fee for non-residents of Acton!

Descriptions and fees listed at: Actonrec.com

We continually add programs and events throughout the year.

Our office is located at 50 Audubon Drive in Acton and a satellite office at the new NARA Park Sports Pavilion opening late spring 2022.

ADULTS (18 & UP UNLESS NOTED)

Tennis
Women's Pick-up Soccer
Red Cross CPR, AED and First Aid, 16+
Birding
Nature Walks with Tom
Women's Only Squash Clinic
Adult Squash Clinic
Cricut® & Scrapping Group

Potluck Lunch Bunch
Weekly Walk & Talk

BUS TRIPS-RETURNING!

We are working on finalizing our bus trips for this summer and fall!

Please call or e-mail Acton Recreation or visit actonrec.com

Trips are posted once they are finalized.

**PIRATE PARTY
TREASURE HUNT**
Friday, April 22
1-2:30 PM
ACTON REC. CENTER
50 Audubon Dr., Acton

\$5 PER PERSON - PRE REGISTRATION
REQUIRED BY TUES, APRIL 19.
SIGN UP AT: ACTONREC.COM

Make:
• Games
• Treasure Hunt
• Photo Booth!

**Dress as a Pirate
Or as a Princess!**
actonrec.com

A Tribute to Bon Jovi's 25th Journey

BON JOURNEY

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2022
www.BonJourneyNo.com
Dues: Veterans, 12th Marine, New York, 20th Marine, 22nd Marine, 23rd Marine

8:30 - 10:00 PM
NARA PARK, ACTON
TICKETS \$20 IN ADVANCE / \$25 DAY OF EVENT
AGES 18 AND UNDER FREE
ACTONREC.COM

**VANESSA TRIEN
& THE JUMPING MONKEYS**

WEDNESDAY JULY 6, 2022
6:00-7:30 PM
NARA PARK, ACTON, MA
WWW.ACTONMA.GOV

**EXTREME
QUEEN**
THE LEGACY OF EXTREME METAL

FRI, JULY 8, 2022
8:00 PM
NARA PARK, ACTON

TICKETS: \$20 IN ADVANCE / \$25 DAY OF EVENT - CASH

AGES 18 AND UNDER FREE
ACTONREC.COM

DRAW THE LINE
THE AEROSMITH TRIBUTE BAND

FRIDAY, JULY 22
8:00-10:30 PM
NARA PARK, ACTON, MA

ADVANCE TICKETS: \$20
DAY OF GATE: \$25

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BEACH PARTY

SUN, JULY 24, 2022
12:00 - 3:00 PM
NARA PARK BEACH
FREE EVENT
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

ACTONREC.COM

**STIFLER'S
MOM**
THE ULTIMATE 90'S EXPERIENCE

FRI, AUGUST 5, 2022
8:00-10:15 PM
NARA PARK, ACTON

TICKETS: \$20 IN ADVANCE / \$25 DAY OF GATE
AGES 18+ & UNDER FREE
ACTONREC.COM

A DECADE OF SOUL
CLASSIC SOUL + MOTOWN REVIEW

FRI, AUG. 12, 2022
8:00 - 10:15 PM
NARA PARK, ACTON

Advance Tickets: \$20 / Day of Event: \$25
ACTONREC.COM

**INTO THE
FLOYD**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2022
7:00-10:00 PM
NARA PARK AMPHITHEATER
25 LEIGH AVE, ACTON

SAVE THE FLOYD - THE INTERNATIONAL FUNK FLOOD COMPANIES

TICKETS: \$20 IN ADVANCE / \$25 DAY OF GATE
ACTONREC.COM

**OFF
CARTERS**
New England's Ultimate Tribute to
Gibby - BOSTON

FRI, AUG 26, 2022
8:00 - 10:20 PM
NARA PARK

TICKETS: \$20 IN ADVANCE / \$25 AT THE DOOR OR DAY OF EVENT

AGES 18 AND UNDER FREE
ACTONREC.COM

**RICK RATH
PROJECT**

REO SPEEDWAGON TRIBUTE
Featuring Michael Jahox

FRIDAY, SEPT. 9, 2022
8:00-10:30 pm
NARA PARK, ACTON, MA

ADVANCE TICKETS: \$20
DAY OF GATE: \$25
ACTONREC.COM

Monster Bash
Blacklight DJ Dance Party

- COSTUME CONTEST
- FUNKY DANCER
- TRICK OR TREAT
- HALLOWEEN PRIZES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2022
7:00 PM - 11 PM
AGES 18 AND UNDER FREE
Pre-Registration: www.monsterbash.com
or call 617-261-1111

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OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN

We want to know what open space and recreation areas are important to you!

Please visit our website for updates and information on how take our upcoming survey.

<http://www.actonma.gov/osrp>



As recommended in the Acton Open Space and Recreation Plan, and in recognition of the pressures being placed on Acton's remaining open space, a permanent Open Space Committee was established in 2004. The Open Space Committee is a sub-committee of the Conservation Committee, with no more than seven permanent members serving terms of three years each. Each year one Selectman and one full member of the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board will be identified as liaisons and members of the Committee.

The tasks of the Open Space Committee include:

- Advising Town Boards on land acquisition/protection opportunities, including assessment of lands associated with Article 61 and 61A offerings, land set asides associated with PCRCs, and land gifts or defaults to the Town;
- Acting as a municipal liaison with individuals and land protection advocacy groups including local, state and national land conservation trusts active in the protection of open space;
- Reach out and respond to landowners interested in selling their land for open space purposes.
- Identifying state and federal funding opportunities for open space protection;
- Acting as sponsor and/or advocate for open space protection funding proposals presented to the Town of Acton Community Preservation Committee; and
- Assisting in updating the Open Space and Recreation Plan when required.

[Please click here to visit the Town of Acton Open Space and Recreation Plan 2014-2021](#)





ACTON
CONSERVATION
TRUST

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, March 13, 2022

Room 204 Acton Town Hall & by Zoom

Please go to actonconservationtrust.org to register

6:30 PM Business Meeting & Board Elections
6:45 PM Annual Review and Awards Ceremony
7:00 PM Guest Speaker:

Claudia Thompson

Founder of Grow Native

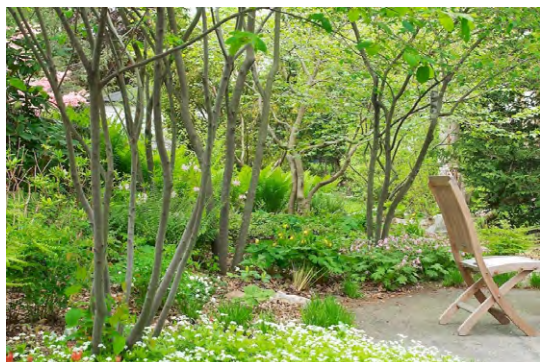
New Conservation Strategies for the 21st Century



Climate change and loss of biodiversity are the critical ecological challenges of our time. To address these crises, conservation efforts must become much broader and more inclusive than has been the norm, so that they engage virtually all citizens throughout our communities. The extent of our current human impact, and the fragmentation of our landscapes over the past one hundred years, clarify the need— every piece of land, large or small, public or private, deserves careful stewardship so that it becomes part of the solution instead of contributing to the problem.

Using her garden as a case study, Claudia will discuss valuable lessons learned over several decades as she transformed her small urban property into a landscape rich with habitat for birds, pollinators, and other wildlife. Much can be achieved. Indeed, the significant challenges before us are motivating many people to action. The growing native plant movement, with its focus on landscapes as ecological systems instead of gardens as adornments, is an essential component of 21st century conservation strategies.

Claudia founded Grow Native Massachusetts in 2010 and has been recognized nationally as a leader in the native plant movement. She has had an extensive career in the environmental sector, including past roles as Director of Education for the Appalachian Mountain Club, Director of Drumlin Farm for Mass Audubon, and serving for nine years on the board of the New England Wildflower Society. These roles have all contributed to her conviction that our 21st century conservation paradigm must bring ecology into mainstream culture, and recognize the importance of all lands, and all peoples to the outcome. She is a strong advocate for the importance of land stewardship on all lands— large and small— and believes that conservation begins at home.





Town of Acton Massachusetts



Stone Chamber in Acton's Nashoba Brook Conservation Area, part of the Trail Through Time

Since the late 1990s with the discovery of the Pine Hawk trove of Native American artifacts dating back 7,000 years, Acton has been recognized for its abundance of pre- and post-contact archaeological sites. And Acton has proudly worked to promote and protect these sensitive areas and artifacts.

You Are Invited to a Public Forum to Discuss the Proposed Archaeology Bylaw

organized by the Acton Historical Commission

WHEN: Wednesday, March 23, 2022, 7:00—8:00 P.M.

WHERE: Online Zoom meeting *

<https://actonma.zoom.us/j/83311551661>

Or phone into the meeting at: 1-646-876-9923.

GUEST SPEAKER: Duncan Ritchie of the Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc. (PAL) will describe PAL's 2008 archaeological reconnaissance survey in Acton and its findings.

MEETING FOCUS: The Acton Historical Commission is bringing a proposal to this year's Town Meeting to create a town Archaeology Bylaw. This proposed bylaw would add a step to the permitting process for development of undisturbed land within areas that have a high or moderate probability of containing archaeological artifacts. We invite you to attend this public meeting, which will present the results of a recent town-wide Archaeology Bylaw Survey and go over the scope and intent of the proposed bylaw in detail.

*The Zoom meeting link may also be obtained by going to the Town of Acton's website, www.actonma.gov and finding the Acton Historical Commission's notice for 3/23/2022

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